



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **PTFA – Christmas jumper thrift shop**

It's nearly that time of year again where the children will be invited to wear their jumpers to school every Friday during December. As a PTFA we would like to hold a Christmas Jumper Thrift Shop! In a world where we are encouraged to reuse and recycle as much as possible we would like to do our bit to help.

Donate your clean, good condition Christmas jumper from next week (15<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> November- send in with your child to give to a member of staff in the class) and they will be sorted and sold for £1 ready for December.

More details will follow next week.

Many thanks, your PTFA

### **Children in Need**

Next Friday is Children in Need day and we are hoping to create lots of colour in the classrooms at Bishops Tawton. If your child would like to take part then please donate on the [Just Giving page](#) and they can come to school wearing as many different colours as they can find in their wardrobes. Please remember if it is their P.E day then to wear appropriate colourful clothing for P.E.

### **Admission to Primary School 2022 for children born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018**

You will be aware that children born between the dates above are entitled to start full time Primary Education in September 2022.

The application facility opens on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and closes at midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's admission until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision need be made.

The Step by Step Guide is now available for download from the School Admission webpages, <http://devon.cc/prospectus>

We know that most families will apply using the online facility at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline). They should receive a letter from the Admissions Team shortly, providing a Unique Identifying Number which will facilitate that application. **It is not essential to have this number to apply** and any parent who does not receive a letter may proceed through the screens by first selecting 'NO UID'. We are anxious that no application is delayed beyond the closing date as Schools have limits placed upon them and we must offer places up to the determined number in the first round – **no places can be held in reserve for late applicants**. Each year there are parents who are disappointed that places at local schools are not available because they did not apply on time.

### **Tempest Photography – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November (NEW DATE)**

We have Tempest Photography in school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November to take photographs. This year Tempest will take individual and sibling photos of children within our school setting and this will be during the school day.

If your child usually has P.E on a Thursday then please send them in wearing their school uniform. (They can still wear their trainers for a P.E session as the photo is just head and shoulders. They DO NOT need their P.E kit bringing into school).

## Clubs

If you signed your child up to an after school club this half term then they were automatically signed up for the whole half term. All the clubs are now full, so if your child no longer wants their place please email [families@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:families@bishopstawton-primary.org) to let us know.

## Parent consultations for Reception – Yr6

You should have received an email this week regarding parent consultation meetings. If you didn't receive the email, please check your junk/spam and follow the link for each child, if this doesn't work then please email [families@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:families@bishopstawton-primary.org)

Information for pre-school consultations will be available soon.

## Parking and road closures

We have been contacted about the dangerous parking. Please remember to take care when parking and don't block roads, driveways or entrances. Also, please don't obstruct the pavements for pedestrians.

We realise that parking is problematic for all of you but please remember to park safely even if this means that you have to walk a short distance. Do not park on the opposite side of the busy road or on the zig zags as this causes greater danger.

You will see from the signs that there is a road closure for Mount Pleasant next week. We only have the details on the sign so we're unsure of the dates and times of the closure.

Those that use the back entrance of school, please be patient, allow extra time to park safely in the village and walk your child up/from the back gate as usual for both the start and end of the school day.

## Uniform and P.E Kits

In line with covid guidelines we are still keeping the rooms around the school well ventilated and with the change in weather temperatures please make sure your child is now wearing their Autumn/Spring [P.E kit and uniform](#) so they stay as warm as possible in class.

### P.E Kit

**Full length leggings/jogging bottoms – plain black not fashioned (Autumn/Spring term)** Shorts- black (Summer term)

Grey Marl T-shirt with School Logo (available to order)

Grey Marl Hoody with School Logo (optional) Or normal school jumper/fleece

PE shoes – sports trainers are recommended, not skate shoes/fashion wear.

### Dates:

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent Forum meeting 8.45am – 9.30am

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November** - Tempest photography individual photos

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November** - Open Afternoon for prospective families for September 2022 intake

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need day

**Every Friday in December** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Celebration Early Years and KS1 at 4.30pm

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Celebration KS2 at 4.30pm

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas lunch (available to book via Eduspot)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term